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## 2015 SENATE BILL 641

January 26, 2016 – Introduced by Senators ROTH, HANSEN, COWLES and LASEE, cosponsored by Representatives STEINEKE, STUCK, A. OTT, ROHRKASTE, SCHRAA, MURPHY and HINTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 237.04 (7); and *to create* 16.848 (2) (i), 16.848 (5), 237.03 (1)  
2             (f), 237.04 (11) and 237.07 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** the Fox River  
3             Navigational System visitor center.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill authorizes the Department of Administration to sell a parcel of land to the city of Appleton for the purpose of constructing a visitor center for the Fox River Navigational System and authorizes the Fox River Navigational System Authority to lease land and construct, operate, and maintain a visitor center on the land. This bill also requires the authority to establish an escrow account with moneys sufficient to dispose of the visitor center and terminate any associated lease. This bill also authorizes the department to trade a parcel of land that is part of the navigational system, subject to requirements.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 16.848 (2) (i) of the statutes is created to read:  
5             16.848 (2) (i) Subsection (1) does not apply to property that is traded by the  
6             department under sub. (5).

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**SECTION 2.** 16.848 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

16.848 (5) (a) In this subsection, “navigational system” has the meaning given in s. 237.01 (5).

(b) The department may trade a parcel of land that is part of the navigational system for another parcel of land if the parcels are of comparable value and any of the following applies:

1. The parcel to be received by the department is more suitable to the purposes of the navigational system than the parcel to be traded by the department.

2. The trade consolidates navigational system land.

3. The trade settles a boundary dispute or encroachment.

**SECTION 3.** 237.03 (1) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

237.03 (1) (f) Establish an escrow account with moneys sufficient to dispose of the visitor center authorized under s. 237.04 (11) and to terminate any lease under s. 237.04 (7) associated with the visitor center.

**SECTION 4.** 237.04 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

237.04 (7) Acquire, lease, subject to s. 237.05 (2), and dispose of property as is necessary for the rehabilitation, repair, replacement, operation, or maintenance of the navigational system or the construction, operation, and maintenance of a navigational system visitor center. A lease agreement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a navigational system visitor center shall not be subject to building commission approval, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law.

**SECTION 5.** 237.04 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

237.04 (11) Construct, operate, and maintain a navigational system visitor center. Facilities constructed under this subsection are not required to be

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1 enumerated or approved by the building commission and are not subject to the  
2 design, bidding, or construction requirements of subch. V of ch. 16.

3 **SECTION 6.** 237.07 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

4 237.07 (1) (a) 3. Describes the escrow account required under s. 237.03 (1) (f).

5 **SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions.**

6 (1) Notwithstanding sections 13.488 and 16.848 of the statutes, the  
7 department of administration may sell a parcel of land located in the city of Appleton  
8 to the city of Appleton for the purpose of constructing a visitor center for the Fox  
9 River Navigational System. The sale of a parcel of land under this subsection shall  
10 not be subject to the requirements of section 13.48 (14) or 16.848 of the statutes. The  
11 deed transferring title to the land sold under this subsection shall restrict the city  
12 of Appleton from using the land for any purpose other than the construction,  
13 operation, and maintenance of the visitor center.

14 (END)